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Worship Leader: The Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox Choir**

Cantors: Karen Harrison; Pete Dennis **Reader:** Karen Harrison

We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community – to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away, and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary.

You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.

We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities. Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007.

**This notes a place in the service where you are invited to stand if it is comfortable*

PRELUDE How Great Thou Art

1) Organ solo - setting by Robert A. Hobby

2) Choir/Congregation sing Verses 1 and 2 – Voices United hymnal #238

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful” VU 291**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God of starry nights, of galaxies beyond our imagination, we marvel at your works.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

One: For sights that take our breath away. For moments that leave us in awe.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts to your wonder and awe.

Let us pray....

God of wonder, God of light, we give thanks for this new day. We give thanks for gathering us together in this space and with each person here. Give us room in our lives for awe. Give us space to marvel at creation. Open our eyes, open our minds, open our hearts. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.
And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG “Open Our Hearts” MV 21**

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3: 1-6

ANTHEM/HYMN Adoro Te/For the Beauty of the Earth

Vs 1 Choir *Adoro te devote, latens Deitas
Quae sub his figuris vere latitas:
Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.*

Humbly we adore thee, Verity unseen; who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean. Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Vs 2 Choir *Pie Pellicane, Jesu Domine,
Me immundum munda tuo sanguine,
Cuius una stilla salvum facere
Totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.*

Vs 3 **Congregation (remain seated):**

**For the beauty of the earth, sing, oh sing today.
Of the skies and of our birth, sing, oh sing always.
Nature, human and divine all around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise grateful hymns of praise. (repeat)**

REFLECTION “An Altar in the World: The Practice of Paying Attention”

Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis

This sermon series is based on the book “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor

HYMN “Teach Me, God, to Wonder” VU 299

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*purple music sheets available in pews*)

Cantor: Heavenly Father, **All: Heavenly Father,**
Cantor: Heavenly Mother, **All: Heavenly Mother,**

**All: Holy and blest is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one, let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.
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Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come quickly, Mother, Father, come; come quickly, Mother, Father come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.
Forever your name is all in one; forever your name is all in one.**

A — men; A — men; A — men.

CANDLELIGHTING / OFFERING

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Be Still, for the presence of the Lord words and music: David Evans; arr. R. Shephard

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

***CLOSING HYMN “All Creatures of Our God and King” VU 217**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE Postlude on “Lasst Uns Erfreuen” setting by Denis Bédard
plus

In celebration of Lunar New Year, “Chinese New Year Song” will played during Coffee & Conversation

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**Thank you for spending time in community worship at Knox United Church, Calgary.
May you feel God’s peace, care, energy, and blessing
within you and around you this coming week.**

Please stay for coffee, tea, and conversation!

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
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Carey Barrett/Frank Lam (video operator)
Tenzin Dawa/Steve Miller (sound operator)

Chellan Hoffman (director of music)
Gerald Love (greeter & usher)
Bob Benner (sanctuary preparation)
Murray, Vi, Chuck (coffee crew)
Roman Sizer (social media; IT support)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

Please see below for a longer description of each event

Wednesday, January 25, @ 12:30, Labyrinth, In the Bleak Mid-Winter, a series of thoughtful gatherings

Thursday, January 26 @ 7:30 pm, Choir Room, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 29, @ 11:45 - labyrinth, Finance and Stewardship Working Group

Sunday, February 12, @ 11:45, library, Mission and Vision Working Group

Sunday, February 26 - @ 11:45 , Sanctuary, Knox Congregational Meeting

Worship at Knox

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP - 2023 Knox Budget Planning - 11:45 Sunday, January 29th -- You are invited to join the "**Finance & Stewardship Budget 2023 Conversation.**" *Pick up a coffee and meet in the labyrinth following worship. The Budget will then go to Knox Commission for approval and recommendation to the Knox Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26th. Your input is important- come and join the discussion. For more information, contact Acting Chair Rev. Bob Mutlow at rwmutlow@outlook.com.*

In the Bleak Mid Winter – a series of thoughtful gatherings

Wednesdays - 12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room

What happens after the Christmas left-overs are finished, the kids have returned to school and the family has gone home? How do we carry hope, peace, joy and love with us through the long, cold winter days? Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, a reading, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk and to be in community together. All are welcome.

40 Days of Truth and Reconciliation - During the 40 days of Lent (starting February 22), we will focus on our commitment to the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation and right relations. Events are being planned. If you would like to be a part of planning this meaningful time, please contact Sheena at sheena.trotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

Mission and Vision - The Congregation will be asked to vote to adopt statements of values and initiatives for Knox on February 26th. These statements represent each of us, as members of Knox. They tell the world and us as a community what we value and how we want to live into the

future of Knox, making sacred connections. Please join us at 11:45 after the service on February 12th to discuss the proposals and have your say.

One of our initiatives for 2023-2025 will be to improve our internet-based engagement with our community and the public, within and beyond Calgary. Although implemented in the response to the pain and disruption of the pandemic, streaming our worship services on YouTube offers us a new level of community and of outreach unimagined by past generations. If you are one of the many members of our community who won't be attending in-person worship on February 12, contact Doug Chandler (dchandler1@shaw.ca) or Karen Harrison (nuzashto@yahoo.co.uk) for a copy of the latest draft, to ask questions, or to share your thoughts.

Volunteers Needed

Scripture Readers: If you would like to be one of our Sunday scripture readers, please go to the Knox website and sign up for the Sunday of your choosing.